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Amendments to Drawings

Please replace the drawings labeled Figures 1-4 with the attached replacement drawings.

REMARKS

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). In particular, the drawings must show every feature of the invention as specified in the claims. Applicant has added a referential sign, i.e. an arrow, to show the force as claimed.

In addition, the Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. (p) (5) because they do not include the reference sign 55 as mentioned in the description. Applicant has added referential sign 55 to the drawings, thus rendering the drawing consistent with the specification.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of the use of the words “means” and “said”. Applicant has removed these words from the abstract of the disclosure. In addition, applicant has amended the abstract of disclosure so that it is no more than 150 words. Furthermore, the Examiner objected to the abstract, because of the implied phraseology contained in line 1. Applicant has removed the implied phraseology.

The Examiner has objected to the specification because “housing 11” should read “housing 12”. Applicant has replaced the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 3 with the following new paragraph:

The vent stop 10 includes a housing [11] 12 that retains the mechanism of the stop. The housing is installed in an opening or recess in the front surface of the sash stile. The housing 12 may have a front wall, rear wall 13 and first and second housing members 14 and 15. On the top surface of the housing is a faceplate 16 which has a lip portion 17 that overlaps the peripheral edge of the recess to support the housing [11] 12 therein and to furnish an attractive exterior appearance and protect any rough edges in the opening in the sash stile. The first housing

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member 14 and a second housing member 15 extend downwardly from the under surface 18 of the faceplate 16. Each of the first and second housing members have a top edge 20 and a bottom edge 21. Preferably extending across from the bottom edge 21 of the first housing member to the bottom edge of the second housing member is a bottom plate 22. The bottom plate 22 need only

extend across a portion of the area between the bottom edges of the housing members. In addition it need not have a continuous surface and may have one or more openings as desired.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 9 because claim 9 reads “the force” instead of “a force”. Applicant has made the appropriate corrections.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,364,375, issued to Szapuki et al in view United States Patent No. 1,656,818, issued to Dillon. Applicant has amended independent claim 1. In particular, the applicant has better defined the tumbler of the present invention, that is, claim 1 now recites a tumbler with “...said edge of the bottom plate without said pivot member contacting a rear wall when said tumbler is in an extended position...” Neither Szapuki nor Dillon, or any combination thereof, teach or suggest of such a configuration, and as such this claim and any claims depending therefrom should now be in a condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new independent claim 19. Regarding claim 19 applicant has combined claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, and as such this claim and any claims depending therefrom should also be in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

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For the foregoing reasons, applicant's claims are patentable over the cited prior art and the application should be in condition for allowance.

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